



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

Big news: House Republicans just withdrew their cruel health care bill. This is a victory for the people of New Hampshire and America. The people have spoken, and the people have won.

Before it was pulled, their proposed last-minute changes had made a terrible bill—one that would kick 24 million Americans off their coverage—even worse. The American Health Care Act would have slashed Medicaid, ended the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, and allowed insurers to sell plans without essential health benefits like hospitalization, pregnancy care, prescription drugs, and mental health and addiction treatment.

Now, it's time to have a serious discussion about improvements that can help our health care system work better for everyone. There's so much more work to do if we can put partisanship aside and work for the good of our constituents. We need to tackle urgent issues like the heroin, fentanyl, and opioid crisis, the skyrocketing price of prescription drugs, controlling premiums and deductibles, and increasing competition and choice in the health insurance market. These are challenges that call for bipartisan solutions. Let's get to work.

Requiring Insurers to Cover Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

This week, the House voted on my Motion to Recommit, which would have required association health plans to provide coverage for substance use disorder treatment. Before the Affordable Care Act, many insurers either didn't cover this treatment at all, or imposed onerous requirements that blocked people from getting needed care.

In my speech to introduce the Motion, I told my colleagues that New Hampshire is on the front lines of the heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid crisis, and helping people get treatment is key to turning the tide. Watch here:



Defending Meals on Wheels

On Monday, I hosted a roundtable discussion with Meals on Wheels volunteers, staff, and clients at the Strafford Nutrition Program's Somersworth headquarters. The discussion highlighted how deep cuts in President Trump's budget proposal would hurt New Hampshire communities.



During the roundtable, Strafford Nutrition Program Director Jaymie Chagnon said that just a 3% cut in federal funding could lead to 2,500 fewer meal deliveries in Strafford County alone per year. Meals on Wheels receives funding from state, county and federal government agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, which faces an 18% across-the-board cut in President Trump's budget blueprint, and Community Development Block Grants, which the budget blueprint would eliminate.

Highlighting the Threat of Russian Propaganda

On Tuesday, I raised concerns about Russian state-sponsored propaganda's global influence during a House Armed Services Committee hearing with former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley. I asked them for advice about

how we can combat Putin's interference in democracies throughout Europe. Read their responses [here](#).

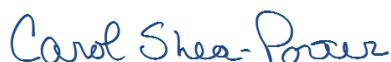
Earlier Tuesday on WKXL, I discussed the FBI's active investigation of President Trump's campaign's Russia ties, which Director James Comey confirmed at a Senate hearing. [Listen here](#).

Closing thoughts

I enjoyed meeting with New Hampshire constituents this week – check out the pictures [here](#).

Throughout the week, my office received a high volume of calls, letters, and emails opposing the Republican health care bill. Thank you for staying engaged in our democracy.

Best wishes,



Carol

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- [Shea-Porter Highlights Russian Propaganda Threat at House Armed Services Committee Hearing](#)
- [Shea-Porter, Meals on Wheels Seniors Highlight Trump Budget Harms](#)
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